

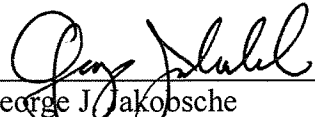
## REMARKS

In response to a Notice of Allowance mailed on October 4, 2006, and in light of newly discovered art, Applicant is filing an Information Disclosure Statement and a Request for Continued Examination herewith and respectfully requests that the claims be amended as indicated above. Claims 1 and 10 are amended; claims 11-14 are canceled; and claims 22 and 23 are new. Thus, 23 claims are presented for examination. Of these, claims 1, 10 and 16 are independent, and the remaining claims are dependent.

The claim amendments are made in light of at least some of the newly cited art.

It is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in a condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Applicant hereby requests that any extension-of-time or other fee required for timely consideration of this application, but that is not submitted herewith, be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4972. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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